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1. The Main Administration for Labor Reserves (Glavno Upravlenie Na Trudovite Rezervi), established in 1951, is located at 16 Masaryk Street in Sofia. It is directly responsible to the Council of Ministers, and is the sole central authority on questions concerning trade education. All trade schools previously affiliated with the various ministries are now controlled by this administration. It has departments in every branch of industry and works out education plans, not only for present needs but also for future developments, in coordination with all the ministries and services. At the instigation of this agency a reorganization of trade schools was carried out, the level of studies was raised, and new schools were established.
2. School No. 21 for the Trade Education of Workers of the Metal and Electro-Technical Industries is the best known and is considered a model trade school.
3. There is a technical high school for railroad workers which admits railroad employees with secondary educations, or with at least eight to nine years of elementary schooling. The curriculum lasts four years.
4. Within the framework of the technical high school for railroad workers is another trade school, No. 37, of the lowest grade. Its curriculum lasts only two years. Workers with elementary education are admitted and receive specialized training as turners, fitters, assistants to engineers, and track workers. This school admits 120 to 150 students each year, and about the same number complete their studies each year. The majority of the turners and fitters are assigned to the large "Georgi Dimitrov" Engine Repair Shop located near the Sofia central railroad station.
5. In addition to practical training, the following types of instruction are given at this school:
 - a. General subjects such as mathematics, physics, history, political subjects, Bulgarian and Russian, given by teachers with University education; and

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b. Theoretical technical subjects such as technical drawing, technology of fitting and turning, and properties of various materials, given by teachers who are mainly engineers.

6. Special emphasis is laid on practical training at the school. There are two separate workshops, one for fitting and one for turning, which are very well equipped. In addition to their studies at these shops, the fitter and turner students receive practical instruction at the "Georgi Dimitrov" Engine Repair Shop in Sofia. Future assistants to engineers and future track workers receive their practical instruction in the corresponding branches of the railroad system.



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